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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION ON CHILE

1. PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 29 ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION THE
FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON CHILE:

REPORT ON MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO
RESOLUTION 11.31 ADOPTED BY THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE (19 C/115)

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,

RECALLING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS, EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND
SECURITY OF PERSON AND NO ONE SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO ARBITRARY
ARREST, DETENTION OR EXILE OR SUBJECTED TO TORTURE OR TO
CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT,

REAFFIRMING ITS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE CONTINUATION OF
THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WITH A VIEW TO
ENSURING THE FULLEST UNDERSTANDING OF, AND RESPECT FOR,
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HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND ITS LIKE CONFIDENCE

THAT THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES WILL ALWAYS STRESS
THE SPECIAL ROLE FALLING TO THE ORGANIZATION IN THE PROMOTION
AND DEFENCE OF THOSE RIGHTS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION,
SCIENCE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION,

RECALLING PARTICULARLY RESOLUTION 11.31 ADOPTED BY
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION,
AS WELL AS RESOLUTION 3448 ADOPTED BY THE THIRTIETH
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE OF THE DECLARATION OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT
ANNOUNCING THE LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS,

NOTING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE
CONTINUES TO GIVE RISE TO THE GRAVEST ANXIETY, IN VIEW
OF THE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE 31ST SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

1. URGES ONCE AGAIN THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THE
NECESSARY MEASURES, WITHOUT DELAY, TO RESTORE AND SAFE-
GUARD THE HUMAN RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS UNESCO'S SPHERE
OF COMPETENCE;
2. APPROVES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE MEASURES
TAKEN BY THE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 11.31 ADOPTED
BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION -
3. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO TAKE SUCH
MEASURES WITHIN HIS COMPETENCE AS HE MAY DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE
TO SECURE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, OR
IN ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SERIOUS
REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED, AND
TO CONSULT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
WHENEVER HE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY."

2. THERE WAS A SHORT DEBATE THAT RESULTED IN THE
AMENDING OUT OF ONE PARAGRAPH, AND THEN CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT TOWETT ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO
THE ABOVE AMENDED TEXT. SOMEWHAT, BUT ONLY SOMEWHAT,
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HASTILY HE THEN BANGED HIS GAVEL AND DECLARED THE
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

3. CHILE IMMEDIATELY RAISED A POINT OF ORDER AND SAID
IT WANTED TO CALL FOR A VOTE, BUT TOWEETT SAID HE HAD
GIVEN AMPLE TIME FOR SUCH A REQUEST, AND IT WAS TOO LATE.

4. ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA,

AND URUGUAY SAID THEY WOULD HAVE VOTED "NO" HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE, SINCE THE RESOLUTION WAS AIMED ONLY AT CHILE, AND WAS NOT UNIVERSAL IN APPLICATION.

5. FRG MADE STATESMANLIKE INTERVENTION, SAYING IT WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION EMBODIED THE PRINCIPLE OF THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING.

6. SPAIN AND JAPAN SAID THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED.

7. US SAID IT WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED BECAUSE RESOLUTION IGNORED THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY, AND SINGLED OUT ONLY ONE COUNTRY.

8. CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND USSR ATTACKED CHILE BECAUSE OF ALLEGED CONTINUING VIOLATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT THEY WERE ALL DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

9. CHILE GAVE LONG AND COMPLEX STATEMENT BASED ON LEGAL FAULTS IN THE CASE -- LACK OF UNESCO COMPETENCE, IMPROPER PROCEDURE, ETC.

10. CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP, WHICH SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION, POINTED OUT THAT PARA 3 DOES SAY "OR IN ANY OTHER MEMBER STATE," AND IS THUS THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE THAT SOME MEMBERS CLAIMED WAS MISSING.

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